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RE: In support of H.R. 596, to repeal Obamacare

Dear Member of Congress:

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of state right-to-life organizations, urges you to vote in favor of H.R. 596, to repeal the 2010 "Obamacare" health care law, when that measure comes before the House of Representatives today.

NRLC intends to include the roll call on passage of H.R. 596 in our scorecard of key right-to-life roll calls of the 114th Congress.

NRLC vigorously opposed enactment of the Obamacare law in 2009-2010, because of its multiple provisions authorizing federal subsidies for abortion insurance, multiple provisions allowing abortion-expansive federal mandates, and multiple provisions that will result in involuntary denial of life-saving medical treatment by placing unacceptable limits on the right of vulnerable Americans to use their own money, if they choose, to obtain both health care and health insurance less likely to deny needed health care.

In both of these areas, NRLC's objections have been presented to Congress in great detail over the past five years. For more details about the abortion-expanding provisions of Obamacare please see NRLC's 2011 testimony in support of the Protect Life Act: <http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/AHC/ProtectLifeActDouglasJohnsonTestimony.pdf>

One of NRLC's predictions was confirmed by a report issued by the Government Accountability Office in September 2014, which found that approximately 1,000 federally subsidized health plans nationwide currently cover elective abortion.

Since its inception, the pro-life movement has been as concerned with protecting the lives of older people and people with disabilities from euthanasia, including the involuntary denial of treatment, food, and fluids necessary to prevent death, as it has been dedicated to protecting unborn children from abortion. Obamacare threatens those lives by authorizing the imposition of unacceptable limits on the right of vulnerable Americans to use their own money, if they choose, to obtain both health care and health insurance less likely to deny needed health care.

Among the gravest of these rationing provisions is the excess benefits tax. Obamacare imposes a 40% excise tax on employer-paid health insurance premiums above a governmentally imposed limit that does not allow for medical inflation. The "excess benefits" tax will have the intended result of effectively imposing a price control on health insurance premiums. Consequently, insurance companies will be forced to impose increasingly severe restraints on policy-holders' access to medical diagnosis and treatment—limits that will not prevent setting broken legs and giving flu shots, but will make it harder and harder to get the often expensive medicines, surgery, and therapy essential to combat such life-threatening illnesses as cancer, heart disease, and organ failure.

Obamacare also authorizes the imposition of additional limits on the ability of all Americans to choose to pay for, and on the ability of senior citizens to add their own money on top of the government Medicare payment to pay for, health insurance less likely to deny medical treatment, as more fully described and documented at www.nrlc.org/communications/healthcarereport/.

NRLC strongly urges you to vote in favor of H.R. 596 to repeal Obamacare, and intends to include the roll call in our scorecard of key right-to-life roll calls of the 114th Congress.

Sincerely,



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